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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: OPPOSITION LEADER CALLS AT EMBASSY

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SUMMARY: MARC LEADERSHIP IN BELGIUM INVITED BY PRESIDENT NETO TO VISIT LUANDA NEXT MONTH. MARCH LEADER HERE VIEWS EX-GENDARMES EFFORT AS FLAGGING BECAUSE OF LACK OF POLITICAL SUPPORT WITHIN ZAIRE. BROTHER OF MARC LEADER MONGUYA ARRESTED IN KINSHASA. END SUMMARY.

1. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS VISIT AT THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES (REFTEL), MARC LEADER MOBATILI KANYONGA CALLED ON HIS EMBOFF CONTACT APRIL 7. KANYONGA SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER APRIL 5 FROM ANGOLAN PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO INVITING MARC LEADERSHIP TO COME TO LUANDA IN MAY FOR MEETING OF ALL "SERIOUS" MOVEMENTS SEEKING OVERTHROW OF MOBUTU. KANYONGA SAID THAT NETO RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF THE SUPPORT MARC HAS IN KINSHASA AND THROUGHOUT ZAIRE, KNOWS IT WOULD BE "UNWISE" TO TRY TO INSTALL A MARXIST-LENINIST REGIME IN KINSHASA, AND HAS INSTRUCTED FLNC LEADER MBUMBA TO COORDINATE

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WITH MARC. KANYONGA SAD MARC HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO NETO LETTER BUT WILL PROBABLY GO, DEPENDING ON POLITICAL-MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. HE SAID THAT "TIMING" WAS OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE.

2. KANYONGA RULED OUT POSSIBILITY OF OPPOSITION COORDINATING MEETINGS IN EITHER PARIS OR GENEVA. HE SAID THE IDEA HAD BEEN FLOATED BY GIZENGA'S REPRESENTATIVES IN BRUSSELS, VALERE NZAMBA, AND WAS

REJECTED BY ALL "SERIOUS" GROUPS. KANYONGA SAID GIZENGA BELONGS TO THE "OLD GUARD" WHICH HAD FAILED AND HE WAS FINISHED." KANYONGA SAID A YOUNGER GENERATION DEMANDED NEW IDEAS AND NEW LEADERS. IN THAT CONNECTION HE EMPHASIZED THAT MARC IS A NON-MARXIST SOCIAL - DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL ORGANIZATION WHICH OTHER MORE RADICAL OPPOSITION GROUPS WERE TRYING TO PAINT AS A TOOL OF WESTERN LIBERAL GROUPS.

3. KANYONGA'S VIEW THE SHABA INVASION WAS BOUND TO STALL BECAUSE FLNC HAD NO ORGANIZATION WITHIN ZAIRE AND HAD NOT PREPARED THE POPULATION FOR AN UPRISING. "THE EXGENDARMES WILL NEVER GET TO KINSHASA," HE SAID. KANYONGA REPEATED HIS CLAIM (REFTEL) THAT MARC IS ORGANIZED THROUGHOUT ZAIRE, INCLUDING SUPPORTERS IN FAZ, AND THROUGHOUT THE GOVERNMENT. ALSO, HE SAID THEY CONSTITUTE ALMOST ALL THE FLNC GENERAL STAFF. HE SAID MARC HAS INSTRUCTED THIS EXTENSIVE ORGANIZATION TO AWAIT ORDERS TO LAUNCH A PRE-PLANNED GENERAL UPRISING THROUGHOUT ZAIRE. THIS WILL BE INTERNAL UPRISING, NOT AN EXTERNAL INVASION, ALTHOUGH THE PLAN WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH MARCH PEOPLE ON THE FLNC GENERAL STAFF WHEN THE TIME COMES. HE SAID THAT MOBUTU CORRECTLY RECOGNIZES THAT THE REAL DANGER TO HIS REGIME IS RIGHT IN KINSHASA, NOT IN SHABA

HE STRESSED THAT MARCH WOULD NEVER NEGOTIATE WITH MOBUTU.

4. KANYONGA OBSERVED THAT ALMOST ALL THE WIVES OF SENIOR MOBUTU FOLLOWERS WERE OUT OF ZAIRE. HE SAID THIS SHOWED THAT KEY LEADERS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN PREPARING FOR FALL OF THE REGIME. KANYONGA DISCUSSED ALBERT NDELE IN AMBIVALENT FASHION, CALLING HIM VERY COMPETENT AND A "GOOD TYPE" THEN SAYING HE WAS COMPLETELY COMPROMISED" BY HIS PAST ASSOCIATION WITH MOBUTU.
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5. KANYONGA SAID THE BROTHER OF HIS MARC COLLEAGUE, MONGUYA MBENGE (ALSO KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY), HAD BEEN PUT UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN KINSHASA LAST WEEK AND BEEN FORCED TO TELEPHONE MONGUYA ASKING HIM TO WRITE MOBUTU STATING THAT HE (MONGUYA) WAS NOT IN OPPOSITION TO MOBUTU. INSTEAD, MONGUYA SENT A TELEGRAM TO MOBUTU, DENYING ANY MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY WAS INVOLVED IN MARC AND REQUESTING HIS BROTHER'S RELEASE. KANYONGA SAID MONGUYA IS WORRIED THAT MOBUTU WILL KILL HIS BROTHER. KANYONGA SAID MARC PEOPLE IN KINSHASA COULD ARRANGE THE ESCAPE OF MONGUYA'S BROTHER AND ASKED OUR ADVICE (CONSEIL) WHETHER BROTHER MIGHT GO TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND REQUEST ASYLUM. WE POINTED OUT THAT USG DOES NOT WELCOME APPLICATIONS FOR ASYLUM.
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